Lumding-Silchar conversion work

1160. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to militant's attack, the Lumding-Silchar conversion work has been stopped since last one month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that employees/innocent people lost their lives including the damage of construction material worth nearly crore of rupees during the attack due to lack of security; and

(c) what step Government are contemplating to provide security by para-military force to the workers for carrying out the conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work is adversely affected in hill section after the militant attack on Railway staff last month.

(b) In the militant attack on 06.10.2006, 12 persons including 11 Railway personnel were killed and two vehicles were damaged.

(c) Security has been provided by State Government for some of the sites. In addition, one Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) company is being deployed in sensitive Retzol area.

Attachment of pantry car in Kaifiyat Express

1161. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the passengers travelling in the Kaifiyat Express train running Delhi-Azamgarh-Delhi have to face a lot of inconvenience and difficulty to get tea, break-fast, lunch or dinner as there is no pantry car for this purpose attached with the train;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to attach a pantry car with this train; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) As per policy, pantry cars are attached on Rajdhani/